

## ERECT DERRICK FOR TEST WELL

Abilene To Be Given Try-out As Possible Oil Producer.

Abilene, Tex., March 29.—Installing the derrick and furnace for operating the drill of the Gillespie and Remick wells is about completed. The rig is set and the well will be spudded in any day.

This well is only one mile from the Santa Fe line near Sweetwater and Brownwood. Leases and royalties have already soared high in price for a wildcat field.

The Gulf Humble Wood well is down 1940 feet. This well is four miles north of Abilene.

The Kaylor and Bright test, seven miles northwest of Abilene, is down 1548 feet.

No new locations were reported for the immediate Abilene section during the past week, but several oil men from other states are here looking up land which is indicative of the fact that announcements of new locations may be expected shortly.

## Be Careful In Buying Up Oil Stocks, Is Urged

Chamber of Commerce Can Go No Further in the Matter, It Says.

It is the belief of the committee on oil investments of the El Paso chamber of commerce that, while the public is entitled to protection in the matter of buying legitimate oil stocks, it is also the responsibility of the public to "do its own thinking." At most, the chamber of commerce can but recommend that men and women investing in oil stock exercise the same business judgment they would in other stock or in land—in other words, buy only upon its merits. This was the result of a meeting of the oil investment committee, with J. W. Kirkpatrick as chairman, on Friday, and the committee decided to recommend to the directors of the chamber of commerce that a questionnaire be prepared by the chamber of commerce setting forth a series of questions which would guide any man or woman in making an investment.

## Shallow Sand Now Found In Red River Co.

High Grade Oil In Pools Expected To Be Found In The Locality.

Cisco, Texas, March 28.—The discovery of a productive shallow sand in Red River county recently and of a shallow sand southeast of Waurika, in Jefferson county, Okla., cause oil men to believe that there is a trend of high grade oil in pools from 225 to 250 feet, all the way along Red River from Petrolia to eastern Texas.

A log of the Beaver valley's deep well, now drilling in Montague county, shows a good sand about 12 feet thick at 225 feet and another approximately of that thickness at 240 feet. Several shallow wells are to be drilled on the acreage soon. Leases are in demand.

And to give the questionnaire as much and as wide publicity as possible. The questionnaire will naturally ask the questions: What is your capital stock? How much has been paid in? Where is your land, and is it in a producing field? If not in producing field, has its merits been passed upon by a competent geologist? What is the personnel of your officers, and are they clean business men—and a series of like questions, which should result in good business for legitimate undertakings and bad business for companies without merit.

The committee discussed the local situation at a luncheon on Friday at which were present J. W. Kirkpatrick, E. C. Davis, J. C. Wilmarth, A. Schwartz and J. S. Curtis.

When the board acts upon the questionnaire, the department of commerce will issue the questionnaire and arrange for its dissemination through the press and through organizations which will lend their assistance.

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## COKE COUNTY'S DRILLING DEEP

Oil Leases Now Bring From \$3.50 to \$10 An Acre and No Oil Yet.

Robert Lee, Texas, March 28.—While the oil development in this immediate territory is still in the early stages, it has been known by old settlers that oil and gas underlay the Coke county soil for many years. But in what quantities, it was not yet determined. The first oil remembered to have been noticed in Coke county, was about 25 years ago, and was discovered on top of the water in an old well near the Colorado river. Since that time oil has been noticed from time to time in many water wells throughout the county. However, not much attention was paid to the fact, until within the last year.

At the present time there are more than a dozen places where wells are in progress of drilling, and where preliminary work preparatory to drilling is going forward in the county, and according to indications, the oil is in quantities, indications point to Coke county as among the richest prospective oil fields in western Texas.

About a year ago actual oil development began, and the first oil derrick to be erected in Coke county was put up by the Robert Lee oil company, with headquarters at Dallas.

It was located on the Lockdale tract, a mile south of Robert Lee.

Oil has been encountered at shallow depths in practically all of the wells in Coke county, and indications at each of the locations are very encouraging. The flattering reports which continue to be given out are largely responsible for the new sites being selected and new wells started.

Robert Lee Well No. 2.

At the Robert Lee oil well No. 2 drilling is going on night and day and the well is now down more than 1000 feet, with the very best of indications. This well is located on the M. Stroud farm, one and a half miles west of Robert Lee, and is in charge of George Bridges, field manager for the Robert Lee oil company. Two strata of oil sand have been drilled through.

Work is progressing nicely at the Tucker well, which is located on Harris Bros' ranch, five miles south of Robert Lee. This work is under the management of Walter H. Bridges, the big well has been drilled through several oil sands and is now in the neighborhood of 1250 feet.

Reports are current that four more derricks are to be erected on the Harris lease in the near future. Shallow wells are now in progress at this site for the purpose of developing the shallow sand for fuel oil.

Oil was first struck on this ranch about four years ago, at the location known as Opaline Top hill, when a well was being drilled for water.

Work at Skinner Wells.

At the Skinner wells, located on the J. Q. McCabe ranch, nine miles west of town, work continues with no new developments. Several shallow wells are in progress of drilling, and it is of which good showings of oil have been encountered.

The Hamilton well, located on the J. T. Hamilton ranch, in the northern part of the county, is creating more interest than any other well in the county. It is located on the Robert Lee oil well No. 2. It is being drilled by the West Texas Production company and is down more than 1000 feet.

Drilling is temporarily suspended, while waiting the well is going on. Work at this well has progressed very rapidly, and it is expected that difficulties have been encountered except a few days spent fishing for tools lost in the well.

Derrick Reerected.

The derrick on the Westbrook ranch, near Comanche, which was blown down during a severe windstorm recently, has been reerected and preparations are going forward to begin this deep test.

Preliminary work continues at the Arledge well site, located on the Arledge ranch, in the southwestern part of the county. Work to be used as fuel, is still being hauled and cut, machinery is being moved, and other preliminary details being arranged preparatory to drilling.

The Bronte Wells.

The two wells in progress in the Bronte neighborhood, 12 miles east of Robert Lee, are reported to be temporarily shut down on account of flooding jobs and other hindrances.

Leasing and buying royalties continues to be the principal occupation of every one in the field. Most of the Coke county land is leasing at from \$2 to \$10 an acre. In some obscure spots of the county, the lease is as low as from \$1 to \$2 an acre. Fabulous prices have been refused by many of the land owners.

Only 80,000 Acres In New Mexico Leased For Oil Thursday; Low Ebb

Santa Fe, N. M., March 28.—Applications for lands to be leased from the state for oil development sank to the lowest ebb Thursday, when requests came to the state land department for only 28,000 acres, the smallest day's business for more than a month.

VALLEY OIL ON VERGE OF DISCLOSURE SAY EXPERTS

E. C. Kniffen, general manager of the Valley Oil Co., which is drilling at Columbus, N. M., stated on Friday that it would require a wait of eight days to permit the cement to set before drilling could be continued into the "soft" sand which had been encountered below the black line.

The casing had been set and then the cementing was done to shut off the water before going further. Kniffen appears to be a general feeling of confidence among officers of the company and oil men in the Valley Oil Co. is on the verge of disclosing something, with a little more depth.

WATCH FOR EXTENSIONS OF CADDO OIL FIELD

There are two wells in particular, the Seaman test of the Roxana company, in western Palo Pinto county, and the Rogers well of Benedict & Trees, in southern Semmeral county, Tex., which are being watched with much interest as possible northern extensions of the Caddo field, in Stephens county.

WILL DRILL AT STANTON.

Considerable oil activity is reported near Stanton, Tex. Derrick materials and machinery are being hauled having been moved to the Brinson ranch, 15 miles south of that place. Stanton people have organized a company to drill a test well a mile east of that town.

ARIZONANS INTO OIL.

Arizona copper miners of wealth in Diablo and Coalinga, Ariz., and cattlemen of that state are making big investments, according to report, in the Lampasas, Tex., oil fields, and are planning a development campaign. A late report has it that they are letting contracts which call for commencement of drilling operations right away.

REPORTS TWO PRODUCERS.

The Ranger, Tex., field reports as producers the Layne No. 3, of the Mid-Kansas Oil & Gas Co., in the Mark Haley survey, west of the town of Ranger, producing 1200 barrels, and the Dan McGee No. 4, of Jake Hanson, and the Westheimer company with 2500 barrels.

# Here's News From the Home Boys

Dear Folks:

A live wire bunch of business men who have lived here for years have secured 52 1/2 acres of the best oil land in Comanche county, formed a company, raised half of the money to pay for the lease and drilling of two oil wells. We want you folks to raise the other half of the money to put this over.

On our honor this is one of the best propositions we have met up with, we've been on the ground ever since oil was discovered in this section.

You'll have to hurry as all the men are writing their friends and the money will be raised quickly, you have probably missed some good ones—now don't miss this.

Read the printed matter and you will know all about it.

Sincerely,  
The Home Boys

## Here Are Facts—Not Promises—From the Boys

There is no business in the world that offers such wonderful opportunities for the investor as the oil industry. There is no business in the world that has continuously returned such enormous profits to investors as the oil business. It has made more money for the investor, both large and small, than any other industry. Fortunes are made every day in oil. There is nothing that offers such wonderful opportunities for the keen investor. The oil business is the biggest paying business in the world today. Its possibilities are beyond conception. Yet there are facts which you can obtain that will demonstrate that it offers the greatest opportunity in the world today to the investor who investigates and thinks. Think what the original investor in the Paraffin Oil Company received in ten years—forty-nine thousand for one. The original investor in the Trap Shooter well received eight thousand for one. Think of that.

The Tex-Penn Company which own the famous Knowles well claim that it alone is worth \$6,000,000.00. This well is only about one mile from our five and one-half-acre tract. Think what two wells like the Knowles well would make our stock worth. Think what \$100.00 invested in our company with a well like that would be worth.

## 50% Monthly Dividends

We propose out of any production secured that at least Fifty Per Cent of the proceeds of the sale of oil or gas shall be paid out in dividends to shareholders monthly, and the remainder devoted to the development of our properties in a manner that will be advantageous to our shareholders. We have no salaried officers and will have none until production is obtained.

Mr. W. E. Lowe, Cashier of Farmers and Merchants National Bank of De Leon, Texas, is Treasurer-Trustee of the Home Boys Oil Company, and he will see to it that every dollar raised from the sale of this stock, less the necessary expenses, will be deposited in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of De Leon, Texas, and will be spent only for the sole purpose of drilling and completing the company's two wells.

## Officers—

W. E. LOWE, Treasurer-Trustee—(Cashier Farmers and Merchants National Bank, De Leon, Texas.)  
W. T. PATTERSON, President—(12 years business in De Leon, Texas.)  
G. E. HOOKER, Vice-President—(12 years Asst. Mgr. Higginbotham Bros. and Co.)  
J. F. CARTER, Vice-President—(15 years with Higginbotham Bros. and Co.)  
GEY PATTERSON, Secretary—(Formerly Cashier Boston State Bank, New York, President of First National Bank, De Leon, Texas.)  
C. F. GREENWOOD, Experienced Oil Operator, of Tulsa, Okla.

Those men are NOT professional promoters, but successful, reliable business men. Most of them have been raised in or near De Leon, Texas. They were on the ground when the oil boom started and were fortunate enough to secure GOOD acreage before the prices got so high.

## You Must Invest If You Win

Fortunes are made every day by men and women with small capital and some faith. You take a chance. You can't make big money in oil unless you invest in something with big possibilities. Investigate our proposition carefully and see the great possibilities it contains. Think, if you can, what it will mean to you if we get oil on any one of our seven tracts with a total of 52 1/2 acres. You won't get a dollar of it if you don't take a chance. Every fortune made in oil has been made by the man who was willing to take a chance. After oil is struck it will be too late. You can't get it then. Now is your opportunity. Some people don't realize when opportunity knocks. It has to knock them down to wake them up and then it is too late. The only way the investor can ever hope to make big money is by taking a chance. The wise ones all took a chance. No hiker ever made a fortune in oil. Decide like a real man. Act now.

## DRILLING STARTS IMMEDIATELY

We guarantee to commence drilling by April 1st on our 400-acre tract. We are near the Downing Well, which is now almost an assured well with their stock selling two for one. Remember we guarantee to drill by April 1st, and guarantee to drill this well 3500 feet deep if necessary, and unless good production is found at a lesser depth.

We will drill our well No. 2 on one of our tracts near the Duke and Knowles well just as soon as sufficient funds are raised. We guarantee to drill this well 3000 feet deep, unless paying oil is produced at a lesser depth. Keep in mind that the Duke & Knowles wells are only 2760 feet to their gusher. But we guarantee to drill 240 feet deeper than Duke & Knowles wells, unless oil is found in paying quantities at a lesser depth.

We pledge you as trustees of this company, that every dollar you invest in this stock, less the necessary expenses, will be spent in drilling for oil and we further pledge you that this company will pay you in actual cash dividend checks every month 50 per cent of the net proceeds of the sale of oil. The remainder to be spent in developing our holdings and thereby increasing the value of every shareholder's stock.

We believe in this great oil field and are helping to develop it. We ask that you give our proposition the closest investigation and invite your co-operation.

## To Drill 2 Wells & All Offsets

We absolutely guarantee that we will drill two wells and all offset wells. We guarantee to start drilling on first well on the 400-acre tract April 1st, and to drill this well 3500 feet deep, unless paying well is brought in at lesser depth.

We guarantee to drill the second well 3000 feet deep if necessary. These guarantees mean something—they are made by men who are honest and intend that you get all you expect and are promised. Their money is put up with yours. They are going to make money—you will, too, if you use good judgment and buy Home Boy Oil Co. stock. Finally, isn't it worth something to you to be interested in a company that is big enough and has holdings enough not to be forced out and driven from the fields by the syndicates. Think this feature over.

## 7 Chances To Win

Much can be said about our holdings. Activity is on all sides of each of our seven locations. New wells are being drilled near us. New locations are at our very doors. Every acre of our 52 1/2-acre leases are near producing wells or wells being drilled. An investment in this Company means seven chances to win. Every shareholder will participate in all seven tracts and every well put down on the entire 52 1/2 acres.

Another big well like the Knowles near our property will send this stock skyward. Remember what happened to Leon Valley stock. It is now selling for \$6.00. Central Texas stock is now selling at \$2.10. Comanche Central stock is selling at \$1.50. Sabano Oil Stock is now selling at \$1.50. Comanche Central stock is selling at \$1.50. Del-Tex stock is now selling at \$1.50. We can confidently expect to see the same thing with the Home Boys stock within the next few weeks. Don't delay. Act now, mail your check today.

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